

What is Claimed:

1. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two
5 areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web
10 material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending
15 past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.
2. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener
20 structure.
3. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.
4. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the
25 integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.
- 30 5. The reclosable bag of claim 4 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.
6. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having
35 predetermined dimensions.

7. The parent film material of claim 6 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

5 8. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

9. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

10 10. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

11. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend non-linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

15 12. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

13. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

20 14. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

15. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

25 16. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

17. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

30 18. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

35 19. The reclosable bag of claim 18 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

20. The reclosable bag of claim 19 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

21. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:
5 at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill
10 opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure
15 including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said
20 fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past
25 said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

30 22. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said areas of structural weakness are hermetic.

23. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said fill opening is located generally opposite said fold structure.

35 24. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein

said first fin structure is larger than said second fin structure.

25. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure
5 each include a distal margin; said distal margins facing each other and at least one distal margin being coated with a releasable adhesive material.

26. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein said distal margins are releasably coupled to each other
10 by said releasable adhesive material.

27. The reclosable bag of claim 25 wherein at least one said distal margin is coated with said releasable adhesive material and said distal margin is coupled to a predetermined portion of said web material.

15 28. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure are integral to each other and include a predetermined area of structural weakness located between said coupling portion of said first fin structure and said coupling
20 portion of said second fin structure.

29. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure, at least one fold structure, and an
25 opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled
30 to said web material at, at least one location between said tear tape structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear tape structure and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one
35 food product.

30. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including an integral skirt structure comprising a web material extending therefrom and including opposed distal margin structures; said web material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined sealing areas; a barrier web material extending between and coupled to said distal margin structures.

31. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material extends between and is coupled to said sidewall structures.

32. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to at least one of said sidewall structures by at least one peelable seal.

33. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said predetermined sealing areas are located on said respective sidewall structures.

34. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to said predetermined sealing areas by at least one peelable seal.

35. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

36. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

37. A reclosable bag for filling with at

least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:
at least one sheet of web material including at least one
predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and
an opening located generally opposite said fold
5 structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at
least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material
extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure
including at least one distal margin; said distal margin
being coupled to said web material at, at least one
10 location between said tear area and said opening; said
reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear
area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag
capable of being filled with at least one food product.

38. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further
15 including at least one header material located in a
predetermined area of said fold structure.

39. The reclosable bag of claim 38 wherein
said header material includes at least one edge structure
adjacent said tear area.

20 40. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further
including at least one tear tape structure coupled to
said web material and adjacent to said tear area.

41. A reclosable bag for filling with at
least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:
25 at least one sheet of web material having a propensity to
tear along at last two predetermined tear areas; having
at least one fold structure located between and defined
by said two tear areas, and an opening located generally
opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener
30 structure including a skirt structure of skirt web
material extending therefrom; said skirt structure
including a distal margin; said distal margin being
coupled to said web material at, at least one location
between said two tear areas and said opening; said
35 reclosable fastener structure extending past said two

tear areas and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

42. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein
5 the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

43. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

10 44. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including
predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material
15 thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

45. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

46. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially
20 comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

47. The parent film material of claim 46 wherein the tear areas are integral to said parent film.

48. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein
25 said tear areas extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

49. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

50. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein
30 the predetermined dimension is length.

51. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

52. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein
35 the predetermined dimension is width.

53. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

54. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

55. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise perforations.

56. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise scoring.

57. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise microperforations.

58. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

59. The reclosable bag of claim 58 wherein at least one layer of said multiple laminate film material includes said tear areas.

60. The reclosable bag of claim 59 wherein said tear areas are hermetic.

61. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure located between at least two predetermined areas having a propensity to tear in a predetermined direction and presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure, located in said fold structure, including a skirt structure comprising a web material extending therefrom and including opposed distal margin structures; said web material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined sealing areas.

62. The reclosable bag of claim 61 further comprising a barrier web material extending between and

coupled to said distal margin structures.

63. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening, said method comprising:

folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure;

inserting said reclosable fastener into said fold structure;

coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure;

filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and sealing said opening.

64. The method of claim 63 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas occurs last.

65. The method of claim 63 wherein the first step is coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material prior to folding said sheet of web material.

66. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

67. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

68. The method of claim 63 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure.

69. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said

reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear area and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product, said method comprising: folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure; inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure; coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material; sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure; filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and sealing said opening.

70. The method of claim 69 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas occurs last.

71. The method of claim 69 wherein the first step is coupling at least one predetermined portion of said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to at least one predetermined portion of said web material prior to folding said sheet of web material.

72. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

73. The method of claim 69 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

74. The method of claim 69 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure.

75. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

76. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said reclosable fastener structure extends over said fold structure.

77. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

78. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein

the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

79. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the web material includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

80. The reclosable bag of claim 79 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

81. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

82. The parent film material of claim 81 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

83. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

84. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

85. The reclosable bag of claim 83 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

86. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

87. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

88. The reclosable bag of claim 86 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

89. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

90. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

91. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

5 92. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

93. The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple
10 laminate film.

94. The reclosable bag of claim 93 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

95. The reclosable bag of claim 94 wherein
15 said tear path is hermetic.

96. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold
20 structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure
25 including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and over said fold
30 structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

97. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

35 98. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein

the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

5 99. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the web material includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

100. The reclosable bag of claim 99 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

10 101. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

15 102. The parent film material of claim 101 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

103. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

20 104. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

105. The reclosable bag of claim 103 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

25 106. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

107. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

30 108. The reclosable bag of claim 106 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

35 109. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

110. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

111. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

5 112. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

10 113. The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

114. The reclosable bag of claim 113 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

15 115. The reclosable bag of claim 114 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

20 116. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear tape structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear tape structure and over said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

30 117. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas

of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening located between said fold structure and said gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

118. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

119. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

120. The reclosable bag of claim 118 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface, and wherein, each of said surfaces includes a respective upper and lower portion.

121. The reclosable bag of claim 120 further including a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and said opening;

said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon;

whereby said portion of said backing strip may be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.

122. The reclosable bag of claim 121 wherein said backing strip extends below said lower portion of said inside surface.

123. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

5 124. The parent film material of claim 123 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

10 125. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

126. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

127. The reclosable bag of claim 125 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

15 128. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

20 129. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

130. The reclosable bag of claim 128 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

25 131. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

132. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

30 133. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

134. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

35 135. The reclosable bag of claim 117 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple

laminate film.

136. The reclosable bag of claim 135 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

5 137. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness;

10 said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness,

a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure;

15 and a fill opening located generally between said fold portion and said gusseted portion;

a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure;

20 said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom;

25 each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portions coupled to said web material;

one of said fin structures being located adjacent said fill opening and including a backing strip;

said backing strip located generally opposite said fill opening;

30 said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure;

said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

35 138. A method of manufacturing a reclosable

bag for filling with at least one food product; said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one fold structure located between and
5 defined by said two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located generally opposite said fold structure, and an opening located generally between said fold structure and said gusseted portion; a reclosable fastener assembly including a skirt structure of skirt
10 web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener assembly extending past
15 said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said skirt structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product, said method comprising:
20 folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure;
 attaching said backing strip to said skirt structure;
25 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure;
 coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;
 folding said web material to produce said
30 gusseted portion;
 sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure;
 filling said reclosable bag with at least one
35 food product through said opening; and

sealing said opening.

139. The method of claim 138 further including the step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step
5 of sealing said web along at least two predetermined linear areas.

140. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:
a reclosable fastener assembly coupled to said
10 reclosable bag;

said reclosable bag having a gusseted portion located substantially opposite said reclosable fastener assembly;

said reclosable bag further including at least
15 one side opening located between said reclosable fastener assembly and said gusseted portion of said reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product.

141. The reclosable bag of claim 140 wherein said reclosable fastener assembly includes a skirt
20 structure of skirt web material extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin.

142. The reclosable bag of claim 141 wherein the integral-skirt includes an outside surface and an
25 inside surface, and wherein each of said surfaces includes a respective upper and lower portion.

143. The reclosable bag of claim 142 further including a backing strip located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and said opening;

30 said backing strip extending below said lower portion of said inside surface;

said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon;

35 whereby said portion of said backing strip may

be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.

144. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

5 at least one sheet of web material;
 a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure extending therefrom;
 said skirt structure including a distal margin;

10 said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location;

 a gusseted structure located opposite said reclosable fastener structure;

 an opening located between said reclosable
15 fastener structure and said gusseted structure; and

 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

145. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

20 at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness;

 a gusseted structure located opposite said
25 fold structure;

 a reclosable fastener including a skirt structure extending therefrom;

 said skirt structure including a distal margin;

30 said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location located between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted structure; and

 said reclosable fastener structure extending
35 past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold

structure.

146. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at a predetermined location; a gusseted structure located opposite said reclosable fastener structure; an opening located between said reclosable fastener structure and said gusseted structure; said method comprising:

coupling said distal margin of said skirt structure to said web material;

folding said web material to produce said gusseted structure;

sealing said web material along at least one predetermined area located generally perpendicular to said gusseted structure;

filling said reclosable bag with at least one food product through said opening; and

sealing said opening.

147. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web material having at least two areas of structural weakness; at least one fold structure located between and defined by said at least two areas of structural weakness; a gusseted portion located opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener assembly including a skirt structure extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said gusseted portion; said reclosable fastener structure

extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product, said method comprising:

5 folding said skirt of web material along a predetermined folding area to produce said fold structure;

 inserting said reclosable fastener assembly into said fold structure;

10 coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

 folding said web material to produce said gusseted portion; and

15 sealing said web material along at least one predetermined linear area located generally perpendicular to said fold structure.